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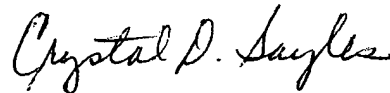
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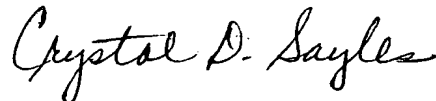
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	AD1	5,727,159	03/1998	Kikinis	395	200.76	
	AE1	5,727,202	03/1998	Kucala	395	610	
	AF1	5,832,489	11/1998	Kucala	707	10	
	AG1	5,884,323	03/1999	Hawkins <i>et al.</i>	707	201	
	AH1	5,928,329	07/1999	Clark <i>et al.</i>	709	227	
	AI1	5,974,238	10/1999	Chase, Jr.	395	200.78	
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	AE2	6,167,255	12/2000	Kennedy, III <i>et al.</i>	455	414	
	AF2	6,209,111 B1	03/2001	Kadyk <i>et al.</i>	714	747	
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	AH2	5,917,491	06/1999	Bauersfeld	345	352	
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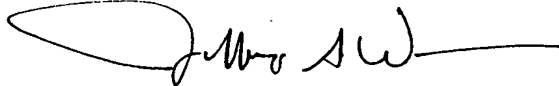
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	AS	1	Kalakota, R., "Information Supply-Chains and Webcasting: A Design Framework," Fourth International Workshop on Community Networking, Proceedings, 1997, Atlanta, GA, September 11-12, 1997, IEEE, NY, NY, pages 103-111.
	AT	1	Joshi A. <i>et al.</i> , "On Disconnected Browsing of Distributed Information," Seventh International Workshop on Research Issues in Data Engineering, 1997 Proceedings, Birmingham, UK, April 7-8, 1997, IEEE Comput. Soc., Los Alamitos, CA, Pages 101-107.

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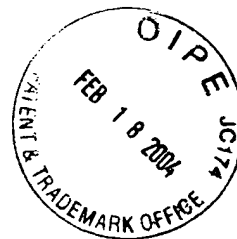
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